

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the tooth erosion potential in a human caused by acid in an orally administered composition comprising administering to said human an acidic ~~of an acidic composition for oral use which comprises adding to said composition to which is added a calcium compound present in an amount of 0.01 to 0.75 mol per mole of acid;~~ a viscosity modulating polymer material which is a polysaccharide; and controlling or adjusting the effective pH of the resulting composition to less than or equal to 4.5, and thereby reducing the tooth erosion potential of the acidic composition.
2. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~viscosity modulating polymer is a complex~~ polysaccharide material is selected from alginate, locust bean gum, gellan gum, guar gum, gum Arabic, tragacanth, carragenen, acacia gum, xanthan gum, pectin, a cellulose derivative or a combination or mixture thereof.
3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the ~~complex~~ polysaccharide ~~material~~ is an alginate, a xanthan or a pectin.
4. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the effective pH of the composition is from 2.0 to 4.5.
5. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the acid in the acidic composition further comprises an acidulant which is citric acid, malic acid, lactic acid, tartaric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid or a mixture thereof.
6. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~acidic composition further comprises a calcium compound such that calcium is present in the composition in an amount up to 0.8 mol per mol of acid~~ has a molar ratio of calcium to acid from 0.1 to 0.5.

7. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 6 1 wherein the calcium source is a soluble calcium salt.

8. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the acidic composition is a beverage or a liquid or solid concentrate for the preparation of a beverage.

9. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the beverage is a health drink.

10. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the acidic composition is an oral healthcare product.

11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the beverage has a pH in the range 2.5 to 4.0.

12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the beverage has a titratable acidity in the range 0.01 to 4%w/w.

13. (Currently amended) A process for reducing the tooth erosion potential of an acidic composition for oral use comprising adding a viscosity modulating polymer material, and ~~optionally~~ calcium in the range 0-0.01 to 0.8 mol per mol of acid, to an acidic oral composition and controlling the effective pH, if necessary or desired, to provide a composition with an effective pH less than or equal to 4.5.

14 to 16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A process for reducing the tooth erosion potential of an acidic composition for oral use comprising adding a viscosity modulating polymer material which is polyvinylpyrrolidone, and optionally calcium in the range 0 to 0.8 mol per mol of acid, to an acidic oral composition and controlling the effective pH, if necessary or desired, to provide a composition with an effective pH less than or equal to 4.5.

18. (Currently amended) A method of reducing tooth erosion caused by acid in orally administered compositions by orally administering a composition comprising a viscosity modulating polymer material which is polyvinylpyrrolidone and an acidulant, and optionally containing calcium in the range 0 to 0.8 mol per mol or acid, wherein the effective pH of the composition is less than or equal to 4.5.

19. (Currently amended) A composition for oral use comprising an acidulant, a viscosity modulating polymer material which is polyvinylpyrrolidone and a calcium compound wherein calcium is present in the composition in an amount up to 0.8 mol per mol of acid and the effective pH of the composition is less than or equal to 4.5.

20. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 19 wherein the viscosity modulating polymer further comprises a ~~is a complex~~ polysaccharide ~~material~~.

21. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 20 wherein the ~~complex~~ polysaccharide ~~material~~ is an alginate, a xanthan or a pectin.

22. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 19 wherein the effective pH of the composition is from 2.0 to 4.5.

23. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 19 wherein the acidulant is citric acid, malic acid, lactic acid, tartaric acid, phosphoric acid, acetic acid or a mixture thereof.

24. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polysaccharide is present in an amount of 0.07 to 1.2 % w/w.